This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1 (Previously Presented) A locator device comprising

an elongate member, said elongate member having a distal opening and a proximal opening

which are connected by a lumen,

said elongate member being adapted to extend into a blood vessel of a patient such that said

distal opening is located in the lumen of the blood vessel and such that blood flow through said

proximal opening is visible outside of the patient's body, and

said device being provided with a bioabsorbable occlusion member in contact with said lumen of

said elongate member and located distally of said distal opening, said occlusion member being

capable of substantially blocking blood flow out of said blood vessel when said occlusion

member is withdrawn from said blood vessel lumen.

(Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said occlusion member is releasably coupled to said

elongate member.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2 wherein said occlusion member is expandable.

4. (Cancelled)

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6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9 (Previously Presented) A locator device comprising

an elongate member having a first opening in its distal region, a second opening in its proximal region and a lumen extending between said first opening and said second opening;

an occlusion member attached to the distal region of said elongate member such that said lumen of said elongate member contacts said occlusion member and said occlusion member includes a bioabsorbable material and is distal from said first opening;

said elongate member being adapted to extend into a blood vessel of a patient such that said occlusion member is fully inserted into the lumen of said blood vessel and said second opening is located in the lumen of the blood vessel such that blood flow through said proximal opening is visible outside of the patient's body, and said occlusion member is capable of substantially blocking the blood flow out of said blood vessel when said occlusion member is withdrawn from the lumen of said blood vessel.

10. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 9 wherein said occlusion member is releasably coupled to said elongate member.

- 11. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 10 wherein said occlusion member is expandable.
- 12. (Cancelled)